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SUBJECT: HOLY SEE EXPRESSES MORAL SUPPORT FOR TAIWAN'S  
PARTICIPATION IN WHO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REF: HARDT-KEEGAN 4/28 E-MAIL

CLASSIFIED BY: CDA BRENT HARDT FOR REASONS 1.5(B) AND (D)

1. (C) HOLY SEE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER PAROLIN CONTACTED  
DCM APRIL 28 TO CONVEY THE VATICAN'S MORAL SUPPORT FOR  
TAIWANESE PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION,  
WHICH THEY HAVE CAST AS A "HUMANITARIAN ISSUE." PAROLIN  
UNDERSTOOD FROM THE TAIWANESE, WHO HAD CALLED ON HIM THAT  
DAY, THAT THE TAIWANESE WERE COORDINATING THEIR STRATEGY IN  
REGARD TO THE UPCOMING WHO GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN GENEVA WITH  
THE U.S., EU AND JAPAN. THE TEXT OF THE HOLY SEE'S PRO  
MEMORIA, PREVIOUSLY FAXED TO EAP/TC, FOLLOWS:

2. (U) BEGIN TEXT OF PRO MEMORIA

PARTICIPATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (ROC)  
TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (OMS)

THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO THE HOLY SEE HAS  
PROVIDED THE SECRETARIAT OF STATE WITH THE FOLLOWING  
"CONFIDENTIAL" INFORMATION: (NOTE: THIS IS NOT A USG  
CLASSIFICATION. A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT WAS FAXED TO  
POST VIA UNCLASSIFIED TELEPHONE LINE.)

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, JAPAN AND THE EUROPEAN UNION  
AGREE TO HAVE TAIWAN PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION. THE THREE POLITICAL ENTITIES ARE  
STUDYING THE JURIDICAL-PRACTICAL FORMULA FOR SUCH  
PARTICIPATION AND, FOR THIS PURPOSE, ARE HOLDING MEETINGS IN  
VIEW OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE O.M.S. SCHEDULED IN  
GENEVA ON MAY 19-28, 2003.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ON ITS OWN,  
IS PARTICULARLY ACTIVE IN OBTAINING SUCH RESULT. ON MONDAY,  
APRIL 28, A PRIVATE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON  
WITH PROF. KAU YING-MAO, VICE-MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF  
TAIWAN, AND OFFICERS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WITH THE  
PURPOSE OF SETTING UP A STRATEGY TO BE ADOPTED ON OCCASION OF  
THE FORTHCOMING WORLD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE O.M.S.  
PROF. KAU ALREADY EXPLAINED TO THE SECRETARIAT OF STATE  
DURING THE 3 APRIL MEETING WITH MONS. PAROLIN, UNDERSECRETARY  
FOR RELATIONS WITH STATES, THE POSITION OF HIS OWN GOVERNMENT  
CONCERNING THE R.O.C. PARTICIPATION IN THE O.M.S.,S WORKS.

THE SECTION FOR RELATIONS WITH STATES OF THE SECRETARIAT OF  
STATE, WISHES TO EXPRESS MORAL SUPPORT TO THE INITIATIVE OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THINKING THAT IT IS A HUMANITARIAN  
ISSUE.

THE PRESENT INFORMATION SHOULD BE DELIVERED AT THE EARLIEST  
POSSIBLE TIME TO THE ATTENTION OF MR. DAVID KEEGAN AND MS.  
DEBORAH KINGSLAND, RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TAIWAN COORDINATION  
STAFF OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

VATICAN CITY, APRIL 28, 2003

END TEXT

3. (C) COMMENT: THE TAIWAN EMBASSY WAS CLEARLY WORKING THIS  
COMMUNICATION ACTIVELY, HAVING PHONED EMBASSY POLOFF TO ALERT  
HIM BEFORE THE VATICAN CALLED. THEY CITED THE SARS EPIDEMIC  
AS A REASON TO MOVE QUICKLY TO BRING TAIWAN INTO THE WHO. THE  
HUMANITARIAN FOCUS, TOGETHER WITH THE POTENTIAL SUPPORT OF  
THE USG AND OTHER PLAYERS, ALLOWED THE HOLY SEE IN THIS CASE  
TO VOICE ITS SUPPORT WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING FUTURE DIALOG WITH  
THE PRC ABOUT THE CHURCH'S STATUS IN CHINA. END COMMENT.

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